

REMARKS

Claims 1-21 are pending in the application.

Claims 9 and 17 were amended.

Claim 21 was added.

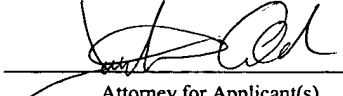
Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment

This amendment corrects deficiencies cited in the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated January 31, 2006. In particular, in the **Amendments In the Claims** section Claims 9 and 17 have been corrected to include text previously added by Applicants in the Preliminary Amendment filed on June 20, 2005.

CONCLUSION

In view of the amendments and remarks set forth herein, the application and the claims therein are believed to be in condition for allowance without any further examination and a notice to that effect is solicited. Nonetheless, should any issues remain that might be subject to resolution through a telephonic interview, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at 512-439-5090.

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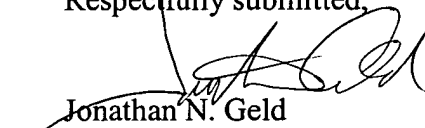


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